

What is claimed is:

1. An interactive electronic image station for viewing and sending electronic images
5 comprising:
 - a computer having an Internet connection;
 - at least one interface connected to said computer for uploading an electronic image from a storage medium to said computer; and
 - a display screen connected to said computer;
- 10 wherein a user stores said electronic image on a storage medium with an electronic storage device and transfers said electronic image from said storage medium to said computer via said interface; and
 - wherein said user views said electronic image on said display screen and electronically sends said electronic image to a desired recipient over the Internet.
- 15 2. The interactive electronic image station of claim 1 wherein said computer comprises memory that stores pre-selected electronic images and said user views at least one of said pre-selected images on said display screen and electronically sends said at least one of said pre-selected images to said desired recipient over the Internet.
- 20 3. The interactive electronic image station of claim 1 wherein said interactive electronic image station is housed in a kiosk environment.
4. The interactive electronic image station of claim 1 further comprising a
25 microphone and an audible storage medium connected to said computer that enables said user to record an audible message and electronically send said audible message with said electronic image to said desired recipient over the Internet.
5. The interactive electronic image station of claim 1 wherein said computer
30 comprises memory that stores pre-selected audio clips and said user listens to at least one of said audio clips and electronically sends said at least one of said pre-selected audio clips to said desired recipient over the Internet.

6. The interactive electronic image station of claim 1 further comprising a video camera and a video storage medium connected to said computer that enables said user to record a video clip and electronically send said video clip with said electronic image to said desired recipient over the Internet.

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7. The interactive electronic image station of claim 1 further comprising a magnetic strip reader for reading a card having a magnetic strip to render payment for use of said interactive electronic image station.

10 8. The interactive electronic image station of claim 1 further comprising a printer for generating a receipt for payment for use of said interactive electronic image station.

9. The interactive electronic image station of claim 1 further comprising a printer for printing said electronic image.

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10. The interactive electronic image station of claim 1 wherein said display screen is touch sensitive and said interactive electronic image station is operated by said user touching said display screen.

20 11. The interactive electronic image station of claim 10 wherein said display screen includes a touch screen keyboard that allows said user to input data.

12. The interactive electronic image station of claim 11 wherein said data input by said user is an e-mail address for said desired recipient.

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13. The interactive electronic image station of claim 1 wherein said user inputs a personal text message and electronically sends said personal text message with said electronic image to said desired recipient over the Internet.

30 14. The interactive electronic image station of claim 1 wherein said storage medium is a memory card selected from the group consisting of Compact Flash, SmartMedia and Memory Stick.

15. The interactive electronic image station of claim 1 wherein said at least one interface is a port selected from the group consisting of a serial port, parallel port, universal serial bus port, and personal memory card international association connector.

5 16. The interactive electronic image station of claim 1 wherein said at least one interface comprises at least one cable.

17. The interactive electronic image station of claim 1 wherein said computer deletes said electronic image from said storage medium upon instruction from said user.

10 18. An interactive electronic image station for viewing and sending electronic images comprising:

a computer having an Internet connection;

at least one interface connected to said computer for uploading electronic images

15 from a storage medium to said computer; and

a display screen connected to said computer;

wherein a user stores an electronic image on a storage medium with an electronic storage device and transfers said electronic image from said storage medium to said computer via said interface; and

20 wherein said user views said electronic image on said display screen and electronically sends a message to a desired recipient over the Internet, said message including information about a server website that includes said electronic image.

19. The interactive electronic image station of claim 18 wherein said message
25 includes a hyperlink to said server website that includes said electronic image.

20. A method for viewing and sending electronic images at an interactive electronic image station comprising the steps of:

recording an electronic image on a storage medium;

30 inserting said storage medium into an interface connected to a computer, said computer being housed in an electronic image station in the form of a kiosk;

viewing said electronic image on a display screen connected to said computer;

selecting to send said electronic image to a desired recipient over the Internet;

inputting into said computer an e-mail address for said desired recipient; and

initiating electronic transmission of said electronic image to said desired recipient over the Internet.

21. The method of claim 20 further comprising the steps of:
viewing pre-selected electronic images stored in a memory of said computer;
selecting to send at least one of said pre-selected electronic images to said desired recipient over the Internet; and
initiating electronic transmission of said at least one of said pre-selected electronic images to said desired recipient.

22. The method of claim 20 further comprising the steps of inputting into said computer a personal text message for said desired recipient and initiating electronic transmission of said personal text message with said electronic image.

23. The method of claim 20 further comprising the steps of recording an audible message on a audible storage medium connected to said computer and initiating electronic transmission of said audible message with said electronic image.

24. The method of claim 20 further comprising the steps of recording a video clip on a video storage medium connected to said computer and initiating electronic transmission of said video clip with said electronic image.

25. A method for viewing and sending electronic images at an interactive electronic image station comprising the steps of:

recording an electronic image on a storage medium;
inserting said storage medium into an interface connected to a computer, said computer being housed in an electronic image station in the form of a kiosk;
viewing said electronic image on a display screen connected to said computer;
and

initiating electronic transmission of a message to a desired recipient over the Internet;

wherein said message includes information about a server website that includes said electronic image.

26. The method of claim 25 wherein said message includes a hyperlink to said server website that includes said electronic image.

27. A method for enabling viewing and sending of electronic images at an interactive electronic image station comprising the steps of:

housing said interactive electronic image station within a kiosk environment;
uploading an electronic image from a storage medium to a computer within said interactive electronic image station via an interface;

displaying said electronic image on a display screen connected to said computer;

and

electronically transmitting said electronic image via the Internet to an e-mail address input by a user.

28. The method of claim 27 further comprising the steps of:

storing in a memory within said computer a plurality of pre-selected electronic images;

displaying at least one of said pre-selected images on said display screen; and
electronically transmitting said at least one of said pre-selected electronic images via the Internet to said e-mail address input by said user.

29. The method of claim 27 further comprising the step of notifying said user whether transmission of said of said electronic image to said desired recipient is successful.

30. A method for enabling viewing and sending of electronic images at an interactive electronic image station comprising the steps of:

housing said interactive electronic image station within a kiosk environment;
uploading an electronic image from a storage medium to a computer within said interactive electronic image station via an interface;

displaying said electronic image on a display screen connected to said computer;
and

electronically transmitting a message via the Internet to an e-mail address input by a user;

wherein said message includes information about a server website that includes said electronic image.

31. The method of claim 30 wherein said message includes a hyperlink to said server
5 website that includes said electronic image.

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